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Besides 650 German PWs, there were 17 Spaniards in Camp 7159/4 in Odessa who had come to the Soviet Union between 1936 and 1938 to be trained as pilots. The group originally consisted of 50 men; 33 of them acquired Soviet citizenship when urged by the Soviets. The remaining 17 refused to do so, and wished to return to Spain after Franco proclaimed the amnesty. The Soviet authorities refused their request to return home, and the Spaniards were interned in the camp.

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